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Applicants: ARAI et al

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**AMENDMENT**

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January 14, 2005

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the office action dated November 4, 2004. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.